

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
March 14, 2011, 5:00pm

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00pm. The Work Session was held in the Taylor Farms Conference Room at City Hall, located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. In attendance were Council Members R. Johnson, B. Miller, I. Figueroa, K. Richardson, K. Stewart and Mayor M. Bodker. Council Member D. McCabe was absent. City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Land Development Manager Seth Yurman reviewed the **Amendments to Chapter 113: Development Regulations**. He explained the amendments include language to clarify existing regulations with regard to easements and add three provisions to comply with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District regulations which are: sub meter requirements for multifamily units, rules for commercial car wash water recycling and rain sensor shut off switches on new irrigation systems. There was clarification on which new multi units would require the sub meter, and why golf courses are exempt from the irrigation provision. In addition, Fire Marshall McGiboney informed Council as part of this new provision to the development regulation there is a requirement for reporting on private (these are hydrants with a dedicated loop) fire hydrant maintenance, i.e., annual flow testing, proper functioning water pressure, etc. He explained Fulton County does not maintain private community hydrants and the City of Johns Creeks needs documentation that all hydrants are in working order. As a side note, he informed council, fire hydrants are being painted red along with a three foot strip curb in order to locate the hydrants faster. There was no objection to moving this item to the March 28th Council Meeting Agenda.

City Manager Kachmar reviewed the proposed **Community Grant Process** outlining the criteria, rules and procedures, and the types of groups/organization Council may choose to fund for community arts program. Council discussed timeline to call for grants, level of service delivery, the need for a scoring process and city limit restrictions. There was a discussion to create a council committee to recommend specific guidelines of the grant based on the outlined provided by City Manager. Mayor Bodker called for committee volunteers; Council Member Richardson was the only one able to serve at this time.

Mayoral Aide Patty Hansen reviewed the **Community Development Block Grant 2011 Action Plan Dates** and outlined the timeline for the 2011 program. There will be a public hearing at the March 28th Council Meeting and a calendar for the citizen participation process will be submitted for consideration. Mrs. Hansen informed Council due to the economy there is speculation the federal CDBG grant may be cut and/or the amount could be substantially reduced. However, until a final decision is made the city has to begin the process as to be in place should the grant be offered. Mrs. Hansen also mentioned the city has paid forward to establish the senior center, funded though CDBG and would recommend that any future award reimburse the city first.

Traffic Engineer Cindy Jenkins reviewed the **Trail Amenities** and presented a PowerPoint outlining the project schedule and the types of materials that will be used for bench groupings, corner treatments, pavilions and trail enhancements. There was some discussion about the roofing for the pavilion with Council recommending materials with minimal maintenance such as metal and a color which blends into the natural environment.

Mayor Bodker provided a legislative update on bills pending in the State Legislature including several dealing with immigration issues, addressing the carrying of fire arms in public building, a bill to freeze property tax assessments and a bill to eliminate the ad valorem.

There being no further business Mayor Bodker adjourned the Work Session.

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk